

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 09/937,942 Confirmation No. 8824  
Applicants : Royce W. Johnson  
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Customer No.: 30159

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. BOX 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE**

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents:

In response to the Office action dated November 1, 2006, the applicant requests reconsideration of the application for the reasons set forth below.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.